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Monday, June 19, 1905.

"Have we no great men today?" despairingly asked an exchange, oblivious to the individuals who are modestly confessing that they are "it."

The St. Joseph, Mo., News-Press notices that a lawyer never goes anywhere except on "legal business" providing he has the right sort of a press agent.

A Chicago man has adopted the idea of using the graphophone at family prayers. There are some Chicago men who use some other kind of a graph in business.

Of all the cool, easy, hair-bearing, direct-pull revolutions in history that of the Norwegians gets the blue. We think we are untrammelled sovereigns and yet we put on three times as much strain when we get a new president.

According to a dispatch two poodles belonging to two young ladies won the lion's share of the prizes of the Ladies' Kennel club at Mineola, L. I. Now the question that comes is what was the lion doing that he did not capture the poodles' share of the poodles.

A Washington dispatch announces that it takes a million pounds of ice to keep the United States senate cool. How much of this is crushed up to be used in mint juleps, Manhattan rock tails and other senatorial drinks, is not stated. It would be interesting to have the uses of the million pounds of ice analyzed.

"Schooner," according to the Indianapolis News, is a word of American manufacture. At Gloucester, Mass., about 1713, Captain Andrew Robinson built the first vessel called by that name. As it slid off the stocks into the water, a bystander shouted: "Oh, how see scoons!" (skims). Robinson instantly said: "A schooner let her be." The name has been universally adopted, but, singularly enough, is spelled in the Dutch manner, though it is proverbial English.

New School Laws.
Many changes in the school laws of the state become effective on July 1. One of the most important changes makes the office of county superintendent salaried in all counties of the state. The amount of salary depending on the county's population. In most counties the change makes a substantial increase. Another law forbids the loaning of school funds except on real estate security. Many losses, individually small, but large in the aggregate, have resulted from the loaning of school funds on notes of which the payment could not be forced. Another change requires candidates for places on school boards to be nominated some days in advance of the election, as other elections are conducted in this state, with more of the safeguards long since placed about other elections, and doing away with the looseness and informality which has long existed. This, of course, applies only to such school districts as are incorporated under the general laws of the state.

Another change highly commendable in character adds civic and Illinois history to the common school course, and requires that all teachers hereafter granted certificates be qualified to teach these branches.

What Americans Spend Abroad.
Every year Americans spend abroad a constantly increasing sum of money, says Henry C. Nicholas in Public Opinion. Before leaving for Europe the tourist purchases a letter of credit covering the sum which he expects to spend while abroad. These letters of credit are purchased mainly from Wall street bankers, and give a foundation to work upon in estimating the amount of money annually spent abroad on vacations. Experts on foreign exchange agree that for the last five years an average of more than \$100,000,000 a year has been spent by American tourists abroad. Present indications are that fully 150,000 cabin passengers will cross the Atlantic eastward this year, and the cost of the vacations of these 150,000 tourists will amount to not less than \$150,000,000, or an average of about \$1,000 apiece.

Of this amount \$37,500,000 represents passage money paid into the treasuries of the various steamship lines. This figure is based on an estimated average of \$250 a round trip for each cabin passenger. According to well informed steamship officials, this estimate is, if anything, too conservative. Fully one-half of the passengers crossing the At-

lantic in the first cabin pay more than that one way, while many pay many times that amount. The average, however, would be about \$250 for each cabin passenger, or a total of \$37,500,000 for the 150,000 passengers who will go to Europe this year. According to foreign exchange experts, the average tourist spends abroad three times the cost of his round trip ticket across the Atlantic. This would give an average expenditure abroad per tourist of \$750, which is declared to be well within the mark. This would indicate that the 150,000 tourists who will go to Europe this summer will spend abroad a total of \$112,500,000. Add the passenger fares across the Atlantic and you have a grand total of \$150,000,000, representing what the annual European vacation of Uncle Sam's citizens will cost this country this year.

If this \$150,000,000 was kept at home it would pay the entire expenses of Greater New York for a 12-month and leave a handsome surplus remaining. It would purchase all of the seats on the New York stock exchange at the highest price at which a seat has ever sold, and leave a balance almost sufficient to move the wheat crops of the nation from farm to market. It would be more than sufficient to defray the pension list of the United States government for one year.

NOTES OF THE RIVER.

Boats down were the Colorado, Eclipse, W. W. and Ruth. All these were also north, together with the Sidney, Phil Scheckel, R. D. Kendall and E. Rutledge.

RIVER FORECAST.

A further slight rise in the Mississippi is probable at Clinton and more slowly rising stages will prevail at Le Claire and Davenport until Wednesday. The 14-foot stage will be exceeded at Davenport by Wednesday morning and the danger line will be approached at Muscatine by Thursday. J. M. SHERIER, Forecaster.

RIVER BULLETIN.

Stations	Dangr. Hgt. Ch'ge.	Line. 8 am. 24 hrs.	Feet. Feet. Feet.
St. Paul	14	9.5	+0.1
Red Wing	14	8.1	-0.2
Reeds Landing	12	7.6	-0.3
La Crosse	12	10.5	-0.3
P. du Chien	18	15.6	-0.7
Dubuque	18	17.4	-0.4
Le Claire	10	9.9	-0.5
Rock Island	15	13.5	-2.6
Des Moines Rapids	15	5.8	+0.2
Keokuk	15	10.4	+0.3
St. Louis	30	19.4	-1.0
Kansas City	21	15.1	-0.4

GOOD SHOWING IN EXPENSE

Watertown Hospital Conducted at Low Cost During Last Quarter.
According to the quarterly report of the state board of charities the Bartonville asylum was conducted at the lowest cost for the period just closed, of any similar institution in the state. The per capita cost was \$31.22. Watertown hospital was close behind with a per capita of \$33.46. The total expenses of the Watertown hospital were the lowest of those of any, \$39,518. There were 1,135 patients at Watertown.

Advertised List No. 25.

Following is the list of letters remaining uncalled for in the Rock Island postoffice for week ending June 17: Mrs. Arthur Campbell, Harry Collins, Mrs. Stanley Crossley, Miss Ella Dann, Miss May DeKelzo, Frank Fitzgerald, Fred L. Gay, Thomas Greyson, John J. Harli, Frank Hoss, Lewis N. Horton, Miss Frankie Hughes, O. I. Kell, Mrs. S. E. Lamb, P. Lane, E. D. Lewis, W. H. Morrison, Ginnie Norriston, Hulda Numan, Herbert Osborn, B. F. Shipley, William Shuman, Miss May Tomlinson, E. Willard.

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Mrs. J. Anderson, of 1305 Thirty-eighth street, says: "I had steady aching through my kidneys and in my hips, especially after a hard day's work, when my back hurt me so severely that it made me nervous and restless nights. There was too frequent action of the kidney secretions as a rule, very annoying and distressing. Doan's Kidney pills were recommended to me and I obtained a box. In a few days I began to improve and I continued the treatment until I was completely cured."

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DAILY SHORT STORY

FENCING.

(Original.)

They met at a farmhouse as summer boarders. He was what women call cynical. She thought him indifferent. He was certainly a cool chap, and the three traits combined attracted her. They took long walks in the mornings and invariably seated themselves in some shady nook where instead of "dreaming the happy hours away" they discussed abstruse questions.

Several weeks passed, and there was no mention between them of their growing intimacy. He spoke of returning to his work in the city without mentioning any regret at the discontinuance of their walks or their sittings in the moonlight on the porch. She dared not mention the parting for fear her voice would tremble.

One morning after they had come in from a walk they went to the mantel in the living room, where the mail was deposited, and she, taking up a letter addressed to him in a woman's hand, gave it to him. He simply said, "Thank you." She spent the afternoon wondering who was his correspondent and surmising his action at receiving a letter from a mother, a sister, a girl friend or a sweetheart. If it were from either of the first three he would have said something to denote the fact; if from a sweetheart, he would have said no more than "thank you." This was her reasoning.

The next morning instead of waiting for him to go to work she went alone. That is what a girl in love would usually do under the circumstances. She assumed on evidence that would have no weight with twelve jurymen—mind you, I say jurymen not jury women—that his correspondent was his fiancée.

When she returned a "deputy back" was being driven up to the door and who should get out of it but the companion of her former walks, whose companionship she had taken pains to show she did not longer care for, but whose absence had made her miserable. That was not all; he handed out a very attractive looking girl, whom he led into the house. He reappeared just as the girl who had witnessed the arrival was approaching the porch. He went to meet her, pleasantly, but noticing a severe expression on her face his own assumed a serious cast. Evidently there was a change. He had been intending to explain his not joining in her walk by telling her that he had gone to the station, but he concluded to await developments.

"Pleasant walk?" he asked. "Very." "I didn't see you when you started." "It is not to be expected that you should go to walk with me every morning."

"Certainly not; that would be very selfish of me. Suppose we go into the summer house."

"Thank you; I'm tired. I shall rest awhile before dinner."

"As you like. I'll stroll down to the river bank. Good morning."

This was not to her purpose. She changed her mind and said she would go into the summer house for a few minutes only.

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"My mother will be up on Saturday, and—"

"Oh, your mother?"

"Yes. She is an invalid, and I shall need to devote a good deal of time to her."

"And the rest will belong to another."

"What other?"

"The young lady who has already arrived."

"She will help me in the care of my mother."

"That will be her duty."

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"Certainly; of course."

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"Why didn't you tell me that before?"

"You didn't ask."

She sat silent for a moment, then arose and was about to start for the house, but he seized her hand and detained her. The fencing was over. For the first time since he had met her he said what he meant, and she replied in kind.

HARRIET CAWLEY.



Two Dyspeptics

If you are too fat it is because your food turns to fat instead of muscle—strength. If you are too lean the fat producing foods that you eat are not properly digested and assimilated.

Lean, thin, stringy people do not have enough Pepsin in the stomach, while fat people have too much Pepsin and not enough Pancreatine.

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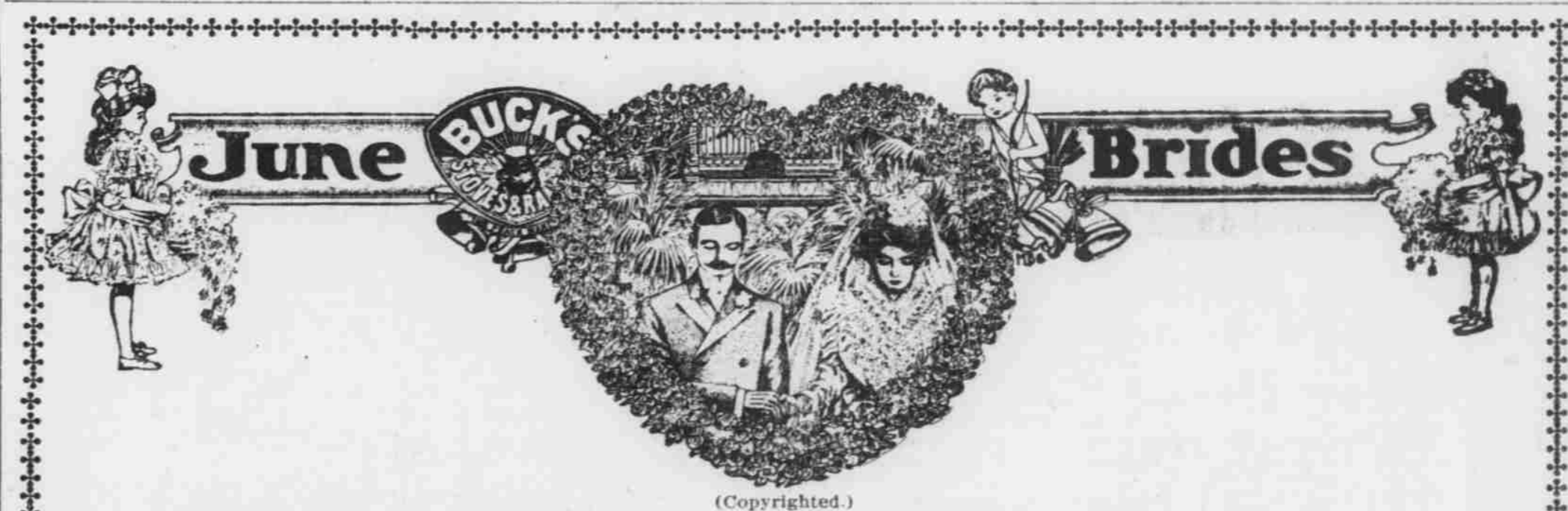
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